

It is with great pleasure that I recognize and applaud young women from the State of Maryland who are this year's recipients of this most prestigious and time honored award.

These young women are to be commended on their extraordinary commitment and dedication to their families, their friends, their communities, and to the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.

The qualities of character, perseverance, and leadership which enabled them to reach this goal will also help them to meet the challenges of the future. They are our inspiration for today and our promise for tomorrow.

I am honored to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the recipients of this award from the State of Maryland. They are the best and the brightest and serve as an example of character and moral strength for us all to imitate and follow.

Finally, I wish to salute the families, Scout leaders, and the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland who have provided these young women with continued support and encouragement.

It is with great pride that I submit a list of this year's Girl Scout Gold Award recipients from the State of Maryland, and I ask unanimous consent that the list be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD RECIPIENTS

Keri Albright.
 Laura Bopp.
 Elizabeth Brousil.
 Linda Chermock.
 Christina Chillemi.
 Christy Gordon.
 Devon Grove.
 Sarah Hoyt.
 Jennifer Kehm.
 Melissa Kowalczyk.
 Julie Kowalewski.
 Janet Kuba.
 Kara Lundell.
 Carole Madden.
 Karen Malinowski.
 Jodie Manning.
 Kristy Manning.
 Rebecca Milanoski.
 Katie Owens.
 Leslie Perkins.
 Dana Phillips.
 Patricia L. Potler.
 Virginia-Marie Prevas.
 Courtney Risch.
 Kristen Repoli.
 Nicole Richardson.
 Danielle Rivera.
 Jennifer Rutledge.
 Sherry D. Servia.
 Shannon Skidmore.
 Catherine Smith.
 Katherine E. Stephens.
 Laura A. Vanbrunt.
 Rachel Wright.

WAS CONGRESS IRRESPONSIBLE? THE VOTERS HAVE SAID YES

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, the skyrocketing Federal debt which long ago soared into the stratosphere is in a category like the weather—everybody

talks about it but almost nobody had undertaken the responsibility of trying to do anything about it until immediately following the elections last November.

When the 104th Congress convened in January, the House of Representatives approved a balanced budget amendment. In the Senate only 1 of the Senate's 54 Republicans opposed the balanced budget amendment; only 13 Democrats supported it. Thus, the balanced budget amendment failed by just one vote. There will be another vote later this year or next year.

As of the close of business yesterday, Tuesday, May 16, the Federal debt stood—down to the penny—at exactly \$4,882,765,436,860.06 or \$18,535.06 for every man, woman, and child on a per capita basis.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:11 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to the provisions of section 4355(a) of title 10, United States Code, the Speaker appoints the following Members as members of the Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy on the part of the House: Mrs. KELLY, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. HEFNER, and Mr. LAUGHLIN.

The message further announced that pursuant to the provisions of section 6968(a) of title 10, United States Code, the Speaker appoints the following Members as members of the Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy on the part of the House: Mr. SKEEN, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. HOYER, and Mr. MFUME.

The message also announced that pursuant to the provisions of section 5(b) of Public Law 93-642, the Speaker appoints the following Members as members of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation on the part of the House: Mr. EMERSON and Mr. SKELTON.

The message further announced that pursuant to the provisions of section 1505 of Public Law 99-498, the Speaker appoints the following Members as members of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development on the part of the House: Mr. YOUNG of Alaska and Mr. KILDEE.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. HATFIELD, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 1995" (Rept. No. 104-84).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first

and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. SIMON (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. MACK, Mr. GRAHAM, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. ROBB):

S. 811. A bill to authorize research into the desalinization and reclamation of water and authorize a program for States, cities, or qualifying agencies desiring to own and operate a water desalinization or reclamation facility to develop such facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. THURMOND:

S. 812. A bill to establish the South Carolina National Heritage Corridor, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MURKOWSKI:

S. 813. A bill to amend the Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation Act of 1972 to authorize appropriations for implementation of the development plan for Pennsylvania Avenue between the Capitol and the White House, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. INOUE, and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 814. A bill to provide for the reorganization of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 815. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify the assessment and collection of the excise tax on arrows; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DEWINE (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. THURMOND):

S. 816. A bill to provide equal protection for victims of crime, to facilitate the exchange of information between Federal and State law enforcement and investigation entities, to reform criminal procedure, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. D'AMATO (for himself and Mr. DOLE):

S. Res. 120. A resolution establishing a special committee administered by the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs to conduct an investigation involving Whitewater Development Corporation, Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan Association, Capital Management Services, Inc., the Arkansas Development Finance Authority, and other related matters; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mrs. KASSEBAUM, Mr. HELMS, Mr. PELL, and Mr. SIMON):

S. Res. 121. A resolution in support of the Angola Peace Process; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. HELMS (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. MACK, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. D'AMATO):

S. Con. Res. 14. A concurrent resolution urging the President to negotiate a new base rights agreement with the Government of Panama to permit United States Armed Forces to remain in Panama beyond December 31, 1999; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.